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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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Mysuru, Saturday 14th April 2018

Culturally high, but...

Mysore of the past has hosted many eminent citizens commanding unbounded respect if society which has endured to this day both in articles written about the city's glorious history and in speeches by noted public speakers on various celebratory occasions from different platforms before the city's discerning literati. The eminent personalities have left their lasting imprint in fields of human pursuit as diverse as literature, music, philosophy, education, sculpture, wrestling, sports, oratory, engineering, agriculture, nation's defences, photography, painting, mentoring, culinary, building construction and what have you. The unstinted patronage and generous support the citizens excelling in all the aforementioned pursuits received from the royalty of the erstwhile princely State of Mysore cannot be expressed in words. Mysore's renowned citizens and the royalty, in a synergy, took the city in particular and the State in general to its high pinnacle culturally.

The stunning galaxy of names of the city's luminaries in different fields mentioned above should not stump other unnamed citizens as well as rustics who have been the face of Mysore's star status, particularly the teachers and social activists who laid the foundation of the spiritual and worldly life of people of their times.

The city that has been portrayed by many expressions such as heritage city, pensioners' paradise, glorified village, City of Palaces, citizenry with a laid-back outlook, hub of education, cradle of classical Karnatak music and so on now has witnessed a change in its name to *Mysuru*. The change, marked by the force of sentiment in the minds of the likes of those who have been writing in the dailies under the caption "Why I *love* Mysore", may trigger thoughts among the present generation about taking the city to its high cultural perch of the bygone days. The big question one is prompted to ask is: Does the change in the name of the city from *Mysore* (of the British rule) to *Mysuru* (of the self-rule) trigger such highly desired mindset?

The mosaic of Mysuru's social fabric that nurtured its rich culture in times past, until the end of first half of 20th century, has undergone a virtual metamorphosis. People reacting angrily and aggressively on being hinted about their uncivil conduct in public with an appeal to correct themselves is common sight in the city's streets. Mysuru may be culturally high in one sense, but what it is like nowadays doesn't need elaboration.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BEES SAAL BAD: ***Some journalists who began their careers covering the Salman Khan blackbuck poaching case have ended it covering the Salman Khan blackbuck poaching case. After twenty long years of passing the buck, the judiciary has shown that it's in no mood to buck the trend of endlessly long court cases. In the*** *desi* ***legal system, filing a case can cost you*** *deer.* ***Citizens are singing the famous Beatles song to law courts: "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty-four?" But then*** *bees saal baad* ***is only Indian Standard Time. More than*** *bees saal baad* ***we still don't know if former PM Rajiv Gandhi was the "real" beneficiary in the Bofors transaction. More than*** *bees saal baad,* ***victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy still claim they haven't got justice, more than*** *bees saal baad* ***the victims of the 1984 riots too still await closure from the courts.*** *Bees saal baad,* ***Lalu Prasad's*** *chaara ghotala* ***continues to provide fodder for his political rivals, even if the case dates back to the mid-1990s. When there are celebrities involved, the system clearly gets star stuck. Actor Sanjay Dutt first accused in the 1993 bomb blast case was convicted only*** *bees saal bad* ***in 2013.*** *— Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Robot for Mayoral Candidate

Tokyo: We've heard of robots and Artificial Intelligence (AI) taking human jobs, but I bet Mayors didn't really think their jobs would be threatened any time soon. They were wrong!

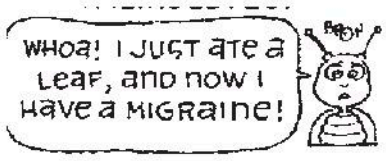
Artificial Intelligence can't legally run for high-ranking Public Administration positions yet, but one Mayoral candidate from Tama City, Tokyo, intends to maximize the use of artificial intelligence in running municipal affairs. "For the first time in the world, AI will run in an election," human candidate Michihito Matsuda announced on *Twitter.* "Artificial intelligence will change Tama City. With the birth of an AI-Mayor, we will conduct impartial and balanced politics. We will implement policies for the future with speed and lead the next generation." The AI Mayor has campaigning very much like its human competitors. Posters showing a futuristic android and campaign messages have been plastered all over Tama City. Elections for Tama City will be held on April 15.

His amazing hand walking skill !!

Addis Ababa: 32-year-old Dirar Abohoy spends about as much time on his hands as he does on his feet. Having trained to walk on his hands from a very young age, he can now climb mountains and perform all kinds of stunts with his legs hanging in the air. Interestingly, Dirar, who lives in Tigray, northern Ethiopia, grew up watching Chinese and American movies, but as a kid, he didn't know anything about editing. He thought all the stunts he saw on screen were real, so he started to train to emulate his heroes. By the time he learned that action scenes in his favorite films were nothing more than illusions, Dirar had already become a master of hand-walking. In a video interview, Dirar Abohoy said that he trains daily – three hours in the morning, and three in evening – in the hopes of setting a Guinness Record. He can pull cars while standing on his hands, climb and descend the mountains in his home town, while walking on his hands, so I'm pretty sure his dream will become a reality very soon.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

How do plants defend themselves?



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Free memory enhancement seminar from Apr. 14 to 16

Prashanth

Mysuru, Apr.14 - Mind Power Learning Systems, Mysuru, has organised a free memory enhancement seminar for businessmen, students, professionals, doctors and engineers.

The seminar will be conducted by S. Prashanth, Founder-Director of Mind Power Learning Systems, who also holds a national record in memory competition.

Till now he has trained more than 40,000 people in India and has conducted workshops in Banks, Companies and Colleges.

Those interested may attend his seminar "Secrets of Memory" at the Institution of Engineers (S.P. Bhat Hall), near MUDA, JLB Road, Mysuru, from Apr. 14 to 16 at 6.30 pm.

For details contact Mob: 98861-17206.

Free seminar and career guidance for SSLC students tomorrow

Mohit Mangal

Mysuru, Apr.14- Learners PU College has organised a free seminar and career guidance workshop at Kalamandira on Sunday (Apr.15) from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm for students who have completed SSLC and their parents.

This seminar is also beneficial for current PU and X std. students, who should carefully weigh the advantages and disadvantages before opting a course and an institution at PUC and post-PUC level. Every parent who registers will be given a free Hand Book of Careers *(soft copy)* endorsed by NCERT.

Mohit Mangal, the author of Hand Book of Careers and an expert in Career Counselling, will address the seminar and interact with students. Mohit Mangal graduated from IIT Delhi and is a visiting faculty at IIM Ahemdabad.

Learners PU College is headed by K. Murali Mohan, an IITian and Madhavi Lata. Interested students may register at Learners PU College, 6th Main Road, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru or send SMS <Student Name/ Parent Name> to 9916933202 or register online via *http://learners.co.in/seminar.aspx*.

Really...?

- ***The Quebec Bridge collapse in Canada was the largest ever cantilever bridge in the world. It collapsed twice, once in 1907 and again in 1916. The disaster killed a reported 88-89 workers.***

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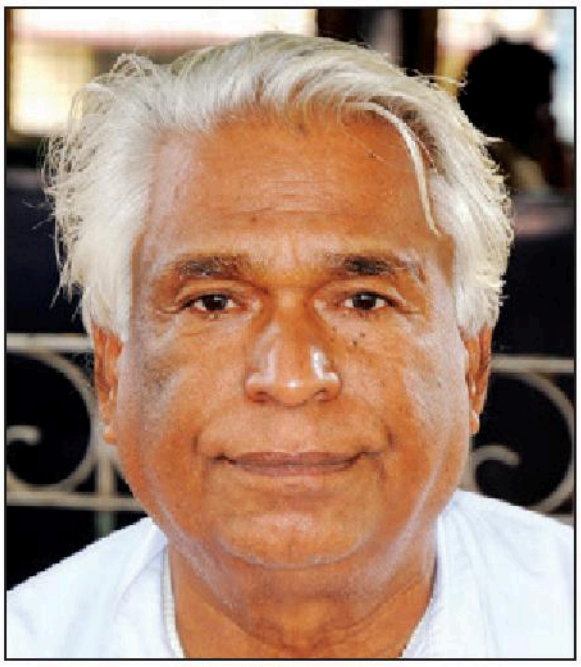

D. Madegowda

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (BCT)- In a surprise development, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is likely to field former MLC D. Madegowda, a prominent Vokkaliga leader in Chamaraja Assembly Constituency for the forthcoming Assembly elections.

With Vokkaligas being a dominant community in Chamaraja, Madegowda will be a winning horse for the BJP, sources said. Madegowda is the follower of former External Affairs Minister and former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna and had quit the Congress to join BJP along with Krishna. Madegowda had served as the Chairman of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). He is a pro-active politician who is involved in a number of social activities. He took the initiative to establish a model Zero Waste Management Plant at Kumbarakoppalu where waste collected from doorsteps is segregated into biodegradable and non-biodegradable.

(See MADEGOWDA on page 13)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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NEWS BRIEFS

Shab-e-Mayraj-Un-Nabi celebration

Shab-e-Mayraj-Un-Nabi will be celebrated at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road in city this evening. Isha prayers will be conducted at 9.30 pm followed by a lecture on 'Shab-e-Mayraj-Un-Nabi' by Hazarath Moulana Mufti Mohammed Shamshul Huda, Chief Khazi of Idare Shariya Masjid-e-Azam. Mehfil Noori will be held from 12 midnight till morning. For details, contact Mob: 94485-69987.

Sunday Clinic

Avati L. Ramashesaiah and Lakshmi Devamma of Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital has organised Sunday Clinic at its premises on Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, Mysuru, on Apr. 15 between 8 am and 12 noon. For details, contact Mob: 88847-44144.

Safe beat Clinic

Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital, Devanur, Mysuru, has organised 'Safe beat Clinic' at its premises on Apr. 15 from 8 am. For details, contact Mob: 95380- 52378.

Knee Brace camp on Apr.16

The eighteenth Knee Brace Camp has been organised by PNR Society, Gujarat, along with NG Foundation, Mysuru, on Monday (Apr. 16) at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram. The team from Gujarat will examine all those people who have knee pain and manufacture/provide with a knee brace for both the legs. Those desirous of getting advantage of this facility can contact NG Foundation, 2757/1, 3rd Main, VV Mohalla, or Lion Gururaja on Mob: 9845110058. This camp is held in association with Lions Club of Mysore West and Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central and Inner Wheel Midtown.

Ambedkar Jayanti contests

Marking Ambedkar Jayanti, the Student Welfare Directorate of University of Mysore has organised an essay contest and an elocution contest for students of UG and PG hostels of University. Essay contest will be held from 10.30 am on Apr. 16 and elocution contest from 10.30am on Apr. 17 at EMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri. For details, call Ph: 0821-2419318 or Mob: 94493-22975.

Cricket tourney

Ursu Mandali Sangha has organised a cricket tournament for its members on Apr. 28 and 29 at Railway Grounds in city. Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will inaugurate the tourney on Apr. 28 at 8.30am. Matches will be played under two categories (below 40 and above 40 years). Registration should be done before Apr.24. For details, call Ph: 0821-2447104.

Gun-toting Paramilitary Forces keep hawk's eye on check-posts

Mysuru, Apr.14 (RK, MTY& BCT) - Armed Paramilitary Forces have begun their activities in poll-bound Karnataka and considering Mysuru that will witness high-pitched political battle, troops have literally surrounded the critical Constituencies that are part of this district — Chamundeshwari, Varuna, Krishnaraja, Chamaraja and Narasimharaja.

Apart from conducting route march and flag marches, the forces are active at all entry and exit points of Mysuru - Bannur Road, Nanjangud Road, T. Narasipur Road, Hunsur Road, Bogadi Road, Columbia Asia Hospital Junction and Kalasthawadi on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Road and KRS Road.

They are stopping each and every vehicle and sometimes KSRTC buses too to check whether money, gold, liquor and freebies are being transported to entice voters.

Dressed in neatly pressed uniforms, complete with Military fatigues holding AK-47s and Light Machine Guns, these forces have been entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining peace during elections and the strict implementation of democratic principles for a free and fair election.

Special check-posts have been established where over five to six gun-toting members of the Paramilitary Forces are guarding them and are assisting the Police and the election officer who has been appointed by the District Electoral Officer. One cameraman films the entire election process and one member of the Force enters the vehicle details in the ledger.

If any electoral malpractice is discovered or if any materials are seized, the Forces immediately inform the Election Commission through the designated officers.

Normally, Paramilitary forces arrive at a place of election three or four days before the voting date. This time, however, considering the sensitiveness of Mysuru district, forces have come a month in advance. They have been sent by the Election Commission of India and will coordinate with the State Election authorities and the local Police.

Among the duties of the Paramilitary Forces is to stop voter enticement, curb the campaigns by political parties against a particular religion, race and caste, etc. They must monitor the use of vehicles for election purposes and prevent parties from transporting voters to the polling booths.

The Forces arrive in advance for area domination and take out flag marches, point patrolling and other confidence-building activities. They are provided with area-wise list of anti-social elements to undertake spot verification (of their whereabouts, presence and activities). They also interact with local population with a view to enhance the public confidence.

On the polling day and after the polling, the forces guard polling stations, poll materials, poll personnel and the poll process. Patrolling duty is done on assigned routes by flying squads and escort the equipment used for elections like the Electronic Voting Machines and the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units.

The Forces are responsible for maintenance of the general law and order, prevent illegal movement of cash, liquor, drugs, anti-social elements, etc. implement Model Code of Conduct and implement election expenditure monitoring system.

ANF carries out combing operation in Kodagu

Madikeri, Apr.14 - In the backdrop of State Assembly polls, the Anti Naxal Force (ANF) carried out a combing operation in Naxal-affected areas of Kodagu district.

The ANF and ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) in a joint operation, carried out combing operation in Karike Pattighat Reserve Forest, Talacauvery Wildlife and Brahmagiri Reserve Forest areas for Naxal activities.

The combing operation was carried out in the wake of reports that suspected naxals had taken food grains and other daily use articles from a few houses in Guddagadde located about three kilometres from Koyanad in Sampaje Forest range a few weeks ago.

The naxals had also reportedly visited the house of Ballachanda Estate Writer in Kakkabbe's Naladi village on Feb.22, following which combing operation was carried out in Tadiyandamol Hill range, Bayikatte forest area along Kerala border and other forest areas.

Now with the Assembly polls fast approaching, the ANF acting on inputs from the intelligence wing, carried out combing operation to ensure free and fair polls. The ANF has also been asked to keep a hawk's eye on any kind of naxal activities in the district.

VOICE OF THE READER

Check increasing vehicle population

Sir,

It is really a matter of concern to see so many vehicles on the roads! People are buying vehicles as status symbol, though most do not have space to park within their residential complex!

They park on road sides and narrow down the passage to travelling vehicles. The Government should allow purchase of vehicles only if the buyer has a personal space to park. No permission to anyone who has no personal parking space. This has to be a strict rule and RTO should also keep track of it.

City life has become very tiresome with traffic jams! Travelling time has increased horribly!! Dust pollution and Fuel pollution have created much health hazard. I request all the governments to unitedly follow the rule that only those with personal parking space in their residential complex can buy a vehicle.

—**Melkote B. Jayaram**
RK Nagar
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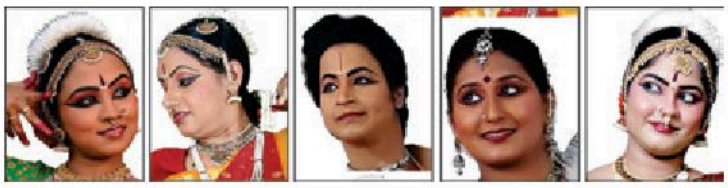
Articulate Dance Festival tomorrow



Mysuru, Apr.14- With a mission to provide holistic and heritage experience to the rasikas of Mysuru city through the medium of Dance and Music and to provide platforms for accomplished artistes of classical dances of India, Articulate Festival is held on the third Sunday of every month.

The 23rd Articulate Festival, coordinated by Mysore B. Nagaraj, will be held on Apr. 15 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar. This series presents Kavyashree Nagaraj, C.S. Kathyayini and Rekha Dinesh Kumar in a solo Bharathnatyam while Prarthana Thomas and Laxminarayan Jena will perform Kathak in duet. Entry for the fest is free. For details contact the Festival coordinator on Mob: 9341288391.

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Property Tax: MCC offices to remain open on holidays

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (KS)- As the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is giving 5% discount to taxpayers who pay their property tax this month (April), the bank staff deployed at all the MCC Zonal Offices and the main Office will be working on **Apr. 18 -** Basava Jayanti and on **Apr. 28** - Fourth Saturday which were holidays.

The City Corporation Commissioner has urged the tax-paying residents to make use of the opportunity, according to a press release.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Trailing B.Y. Vijayendra, BJP, in Varuna Constituency

Election in a democracy is the season for migrants. Like birds and animals migrate from one location to another during certain seasons and for certain reasons like drought or forest fire, smart politicians too migrate from one party to another. They are the ones who know which side of the bread is buttered!

In Mysuru district, the political leaders at the Constituency-level have started sending signals and spreading wings to cross-over to one of the three leading parties — Congress, BJP and JD(S). As we know, among the 11 Constituencies in Mysuru District, only Varuna and Chamundeshwari Constituencies are making news because of the candidates from the Congress and the BJP who are contesting here.

In Varuna, Chief Minister's son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah was the early bird and everyone thought it was going to be a cake-walk for him as the BJP was not finding a matching challenger to fight him. We must see if the early bird gets the worm!! BJP's star candidate of 2008 election in this very Constituency, former IPS Officer L. Revanasiddaiah, soon deserted BJP, and paradoxically held the hands of Siddharamaiah against whom he lost.

As for Chamundeshwari, Siddharamaiah had won it by a whisker, 257 votes, in his first contest here after quitting JD(S), as a Congress candidate in the by-election of 2006. The other two elections he fought from the neighbouring Varuna Constituency in 2008 and 2013 Assembly election and won hands-down with a very comfortable margin of 18,837 and 29,641 votes respectively. **Surprisingly, this time, for 2018 election, he has sacrificed such a safe seat for his son Dr. Yathindra, taking a BIG risk in Chamundeshwari where his once friend, now turned foe, G.T. Devegowda, an old electoral war-horse is contesting from JD(S).**

It is in this context, Varuna becomes important for the political parties. In the early days, it was presumed by many political pundits and also the voters of those two Constituencies that while Varuna would go to Congress, Chamundeshwari would go to JD(S). While a dummy BJP candidate would be fielded in Chamundeshwari to help JD(S) to defeat Siddharamaiah, in Varuna both BJP and JD(S) had almost come to accept the reality, but, as a ritual, wanted to field someone as a proverbial sacrificial goat. That was how Abhishek from JD(S) entered Varuna and no one is even mentioned from BJP for Varuna.

B.Y. Vijayendra addressing the villagers.

A village scene.

An apology of a poster, with Rahul Dravid as the Brand Ambassador, urging people to vote, is pasted on a village wall by the Election Commission. Picture right shows a hurriedly pasted 'PRESS' sticker on the windscreen of my car.

And then suddenly this equation changed in both Chamundeshwari and Varuna. Sensing inevitable defeat in Chamundeshwari, Siddharamaiah was asked to contest from North Karnataka's Badami of Bagalkot district — like wisely having two strings in the bow. And as for Varuna when everything looked hunky dory for Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, there entered the 'dragon' in the person of B.S. Yeddyurappa's second son B.Y. Vijayendra. He is academically well-qualified, young, smart, humble and rather soft-spoken. Though a debutant for electoral politics like his rival Dr. Yathindra, he is bursting at the seams with confidence. Because of his late entry into the Constituency, naturally he is making both news and waves. Therefore, I decided to follow his campaign trail yesterday and got an old BJP contact to help me. I was told Vijayendra and his wife Prema were busy performing *Gruha Pravesha puja* in their new house in Varuna and then he would welcome migratory political birds at a city hotel.

I simply rushed to the hotel only to be caught amidst over 200 villagers in a hall — taking selfies, party leaders putting BJP stoles over the shoulders of the new entrants, swearing loyalty, assuring victory, garlanding and a brief speech of welcome by Vijayendra.

Thereafter, the safari began and I followed his vehicle. Surprisingly while there were many cars in front of the hotel, when we reached the first village Kasaba Halamboor in T. Narasipur taluk, there were only four cars and mine was the fifth! There was a vehicle of 'Government of India' for the Election Commission officials to keep watch if any Model Code of Conduct is violated and they were videographing the whole activity. There was Police vehicle for security and to maintain law and order. My driver was asked about my vehicle and its occupants. I had carried my Press Accreditation Card which helped but the driver was asked to put a PRESS sticker on the front windshield immediately and it was done. **The campaign indeed was under strictly controlled condition and I liked it. No ugly posters, no litters in the villages, nothing irritating or offending.**

The arrival of the would-be candidate was heralded with the bursting of firecrackers. Apparently, as pre-arranged, about hundred villagers, mostly youngsters gathered around the hero, garlanded him, received him with village honour and he spoke without microphone but in a voice that could be heard by those gathered around him in front of a house. Earlier, they had arranged this meeting at a village temple but it was avoided to stay away from possible controversy. Who knows? In each village, bananas were distributed to those present.

Chasing the candidate, I went with them to another three such villages — Basavanapura, Saraguru and Nagarle. It was 1.45 pm and I was tired. It was a long distance to city, took nearly one hour.

As expected, B.S. Yeddyurappa's Man Friday of many years and a staunch loyalist, Ka. Pu. Siddalingaswamy, who lost to Siddharamaiah in 2013 (enabling Siddharamaiah to become the Chief Minister) was in the team. I joked with him in Kannada, "How are you, king-maker of Karnataka in 2013". There were rumours then that Ka. Pu. had compromised at the last moment abandoning the battlefield etc., etc. I did not mention it, but he volunteered to talk about it. Though it was a disadvantage contesting from Yeddyurappa's newly- formed Karnataka Janata Party (KJP), he had got 54,744 votes against Congress candidate Siddharamaiah who got 84,385 votes. He lost by a margin of 24,000 votes (actually it was 29,641).

Curiously, Ka. Pu. had a ready reason for his defeat. The Election Commission had given to other 'also contested' candidates symbols like apple, pineapple, tender coconut and the like as against KJP's coconut. According to Ka. Pu., all these symbols looked alike and the village voters could not clearly identify the coconut symbol of KJP from other similar looking symbols and voted to other symbols. As a result he lost over 24,000 votes. A plausible explanation in the given reality but his absence from the battlefield, though for a few days towards the poll day still needs to be explained. Of course, he had denied the allegation. Let it be.

In a day or two, I will follow Dr. Yathindra's election campaign in the same Constituency. A few photographs I had taken yesterday are produced above.

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Forest officials collect dead fish samples from Kukkarahalli Lake

Samples will be sent to laboratory to determine the cause of death

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (BCT)- Alarmed by the death of hundreds of fish at the Kukkarahalli Lake, environment activists alerted the Forest Department and a team from the Department arrived at the Lake yesterday to collect samples of dead fish.

The Department officials arrived at the Lake premises following the directions of Incharge Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) V. Yedukondalu. The officials went around the Lake in a boat and found several dead fish floating on the sides of the Lake. They collected samples of Tilapia (Jalebi fish) and will send it to a laboratory to determine the cause of the death.

Environment activists have said that uncontrolled flow of sewage and soap water into the Lake from Paduvarahalli and surrounding areas is killing the fish. Tilapias have grown bigger and birds are not eating the fish as it is bigger in size. As fishing activities have been banned in the Lake, fishes have grown bigger, they said.

"On an average, 50 to 60 fishes die in the Lake every day and the foul smell is unbearable. The smell is more during mornings and evenings when the wind pressure is less. The University of Mysore, which is the custodian of the Lake, is not taking any steps to solve this problem and the authorities are not even ready to listen to our pleas," alleged an environment activist.

"When we conducted a mass cleaning campaign at Kukkarahalli Lake recently we collected truckloads of garbage that included liquor, beer bottles and leftover meat pieces. This supports our argument that people are entering the Lake in the nights to indulge in parties," he said and added that there was no response from the University to the cleaning campaign and the nature photo expo at the Lake.

Pedestrian robbed by miscreants

Mysuru, Apr.14 (SBD&DM)- A pedestrian was robbed of his cellphone and a silver chain by miscreants in broad daylight in Mandi Police Station limits on Thursday.

Bhyrava, a city resident, was walking towards the Railway Station on Thursday afternoon, when two miscreants waylaid him near the Medical College canteen on Seshadri Iyer Road and robbed him of his cellphone and a silver chain.

Bhyrava's efforts to nab the culprits failed as the duo fled from the spot in a flash.

The Mandi Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

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Garlands & Owls

This election, garlands, which are offered to a person as a mark of reverence and affection, have turned into a show of strength among politicians and their supporters. And the competition has gotten 'fruity and furious.'

It all started when Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar visited Srirangapatna where his supporters welcomed him with an apple garland weighing 250 kg! Then former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy's supporters, not to be left behind, adorned their leader with an apple garland weighing 500 kg. This inspired Siddharamaiah's supporters to welcome the CM with a 750 kg apple garland! At this rate, party workers, while adorning their leaders, might as well try getting into the Guinness Book of World Records.

They say some of our leaders are hard-headed and lead-hearted but they surely are not iron-necked to carry such heavy garlands. So cranes were brought in to lift the garlands and the leaders drove to the centre of the garland for a photo session.

Now, a kilo of apple is Rs.120, which means Shivakumar's garland cost Rs.30,000, HDK's 60,000 and CM's 90,000. If this continues we are sure the Election Commission is going to keep an eye on garland spending also.

Garlands in India symbolise respect and reverence but it is also used to drive home a point. Rahul Gandhi was recently offered a beedi garland (which he however declined) to draw his attention to the problems of tobacco farmers. Then, we have a chappal garland to express our anger. For intellectuals, there is the sandalwood-scented garland and money garland for some politicians. Thanks to demonetisation, the repulsive craze for currency garland has disappeared even though black money hasn't.

But flower garlands have a presence in every aspect of Indian culture, be it any religion. So also flowers, especially in pujas. In fact, it is stated that the word 'puja' has many interpretations and its etymology is unclear but one interpretation says it's "pū" flower (pushpam) and "ja" means japa or japam (recitation) and so we offer flowers while uttering prayers as we worship God — Puja.

Interestingly, this tells us that we humans have always indulged in portmanteau — blending words — for thousands of years. Back then it was Pushpam + Japa = Puja, today it's Breakfast + Lunch = Brunch and Virat+Anushka = Virushka.

In Hinduism, specific flowers are used for specific deities, so also our voters. Last election I had gone with some party workers to rural Mysuru, when we came across a group of voters. After the party workers had sought their votes, one among the voters asked *"Yenu? kanakambara elva?"* (Why? no kanakambara?) I was wondering why he was asking for kanakambara flowers.

It turned out it was his way of asking for Rs.1,000 note for his vote. Many may remember the pinkish-orange coloured demonetised note, the colour of the kanakambara flower. These rural voters had a colour code for a specific bribe amount! Or more like flower code. Corrupt voters elect corrupt leaders. No wonder, we are where we are.

Flowers have a ubiquitous presence in our life, from birth to death and every event in between. That reminds me of my roommate from college who got married to an American girl. They had their wedding in Mysuru. On the wedding day he requested me to arrange a room for him at Windflower Resorts for his first night and added, "Can you also ask them to decorate my bed with flowers and keep a glass of badam milk by the bed side? I want to give Jennifer the complete *desi* experience."

I conveyed the requirement to the Resort and in the evening when I went to check, the bed was layered with jasmine and rose petals formed a heart shape in the middle. The room had a very romantic and sexual aura about it. If that bed were to be sold as a branded mattress, one could call it *'Karlo… on and on and on.'* It was that enticing.

The next day he called to thank me. I asked him if he enjoyed his night and he said, "Not really. Half the time we kept pulling flowers stuck in our crevices. We were also spitting *mallige,* which was all over our pillows. So I was too distracted to perform well."

Yes, flowers are enticing but you should be selective in how you use them. A good lesson on the first day of one's married life.

Now as far as the apple garlands, once the cranes lowered the garlands the apples were crushed and wasted in the melee of supporters *[see pic]*. We wish these leaders told their supporters to deliver the apples to government hospitals and schools. Or even better, spend that money on the needy.

While apples are in high demand, so are owls! It seems many politicians see owls as lucky charms so there has been a demand for owls as pets which is illegal. Also owls are used in black magic; so during election season many leaders turn into Snape the dark magician from *Harry Potter* and want owl for sacrifices.

It is disheartening that while gangs of political supporters are wasting fruits and flowers, their leaders are hunting owls. Ironically, a group of aggressive monkeys is called a gang and a group of owls is called a Parliament... Guess, in the end the honest voter is the fool… a real *"Ullu ka patta."*

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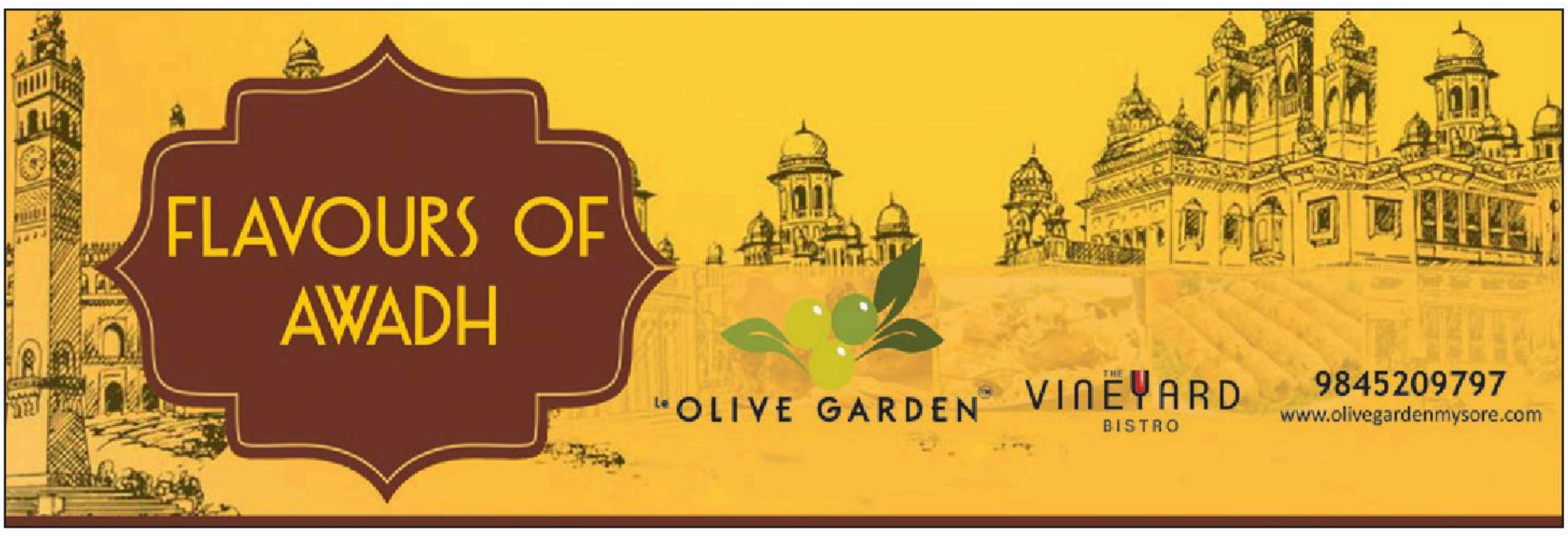

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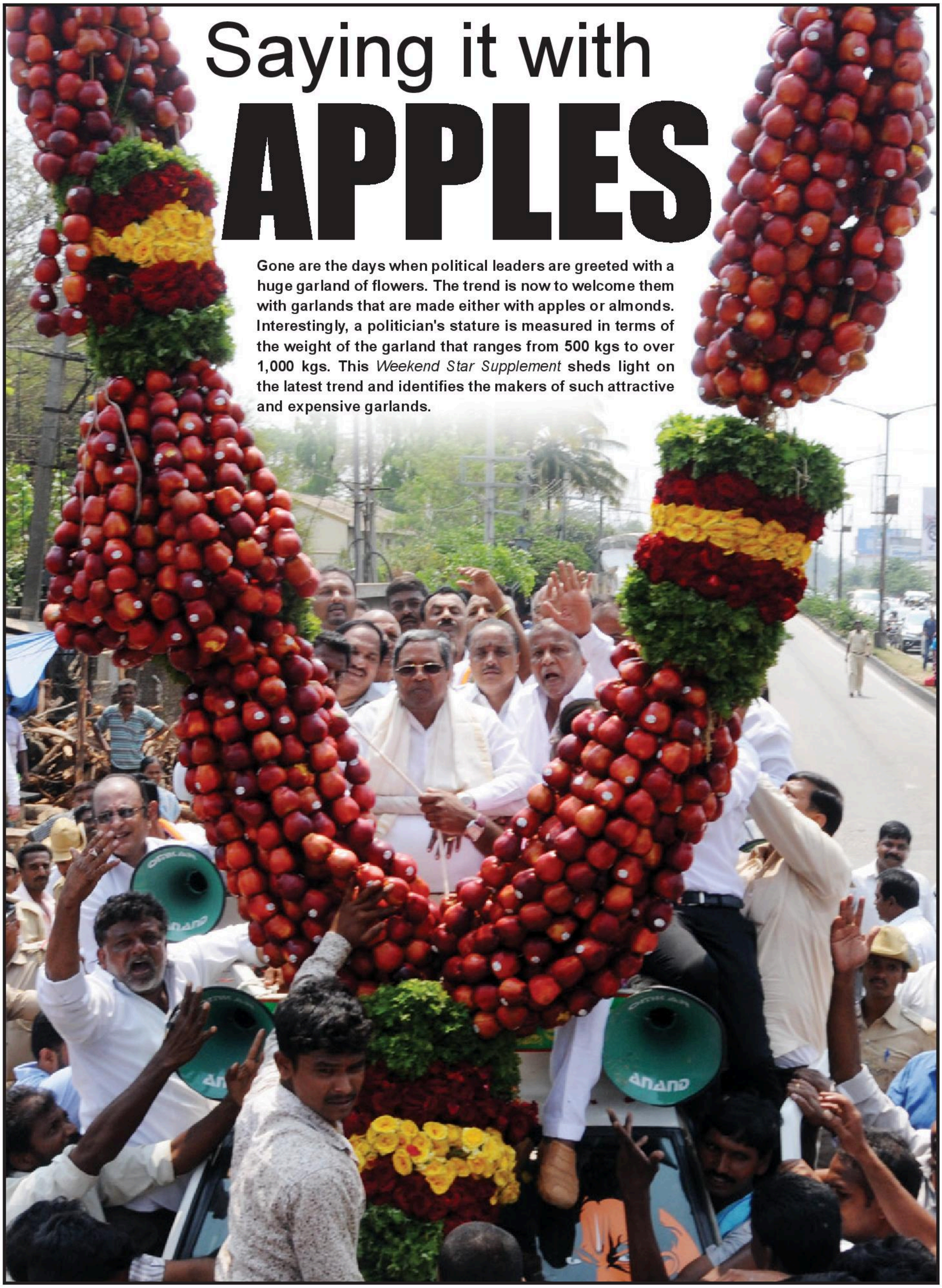
Saying it with APPLES

Gone are the days when political leaders are greeted with a huge garland of flowers. The trend is now to welcome them with garlands that are made either with apples or almonds. Interestingly, a politician's stature is measured in terms of the weight of the garland that ranges from 500 kgs to over 1,000 kgs. This *Weekend Star Supplement* sheds light on the latest trend and identifies the makers of such attractive and expensive garlands.



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Apples and Almonds

The flavour this election season

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

If 'saying it with flowers' was a trend till recently, 'saying it with apples and almonds' is the latest trend where political party workers greet leaders with garlands made of thousands of apples. These huge garlands are lifted with the help of a crane and symbolically offered to the political leader who usually is on a campaign trail.

Such garlands were offered to Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at Hootagalli, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda at Nagamangala, JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy at Maddur and Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Mandya. While the garland offered to Shivakumar, Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy weighed about 400 kilograms, the garland that was offered to Siddharamaiah weighed 1,000 kilograms and over 750 kg apples were used to make it.

Garlands made of fruits are usually offered by devotees to the deities and to the newly-weds. Now, it has invaded the political arena so much so that traditional garlands of flowers are now becoming passé. The trend is either a garland made of apples or a garland made of dry fruits (almond) weaved along with flowers. Offering such special garlands has now become a matter of prestige with workers from different parties competing with each other to impress their leaders.

So what goes behind making of such giant apple garland, who are the people involved in the work and how is it ensured that the garland does not break?

The man who makes such garlands in city is Dhanraj, a resident of Kyathamaranahalli who is an expert in flower decorations and owns D.R. Flowers and Gifts at Boti Bazaar near Devaraja Market.

Dhanraj was told to make a 750-kg apple garland on Mar. 31, one day before Siddharamaiah hit the campaign trail on Apr. 1. "I was told to make an impressive garland and the garland was ready by 10 pm on Mar. 31. We used long needles and special silk thread that is produced in Tamil Nadu," he revealed.

As soon as Dhanraj received the order, he knew that he was racing against time. "We purchased apples, thread, needles, flowers and leaves to be woven together neatly and proportionately. We used 250 strands of the silk thread to weave the garland and flowers and leaves were used at regular intervals all along the garland so that it looked beautiful. Thirty-six strands of the silk thread were exclusively used to string the apples together and 15 persons worked for 12 hours to accomplish the feat," he explained.

The garland was prepared at Dhanraj's shop at Boti Bazaar and was transported to Hootagalli in a goods vehicle where the garland it was offered to the CM. "Enough care was taken to ensure that the 30-metre garland does not break. Over 20 persons lifted the garland to load it on the goods vehicle and a 50-kg iron pipe was fixed to the garland so that it could be lifted by a crane," he said.

The giant apple garland that was offered to Chief Minister Siddharamaiah by MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar Abhimanigala Balaga. Picture right shows a crane lifting the garland at Hootagalli.

Dhanraj, the man behind the apple garland, is seen demonstrating how the special silk thread from Tamil Nadu is inserted into a long needle to create the fruity garland.

There was a mad scramble to pick the fruits from the garland after it was offered to the CM at Hootagalli. This resulted in hundreds of crushed apples strewn all over the street.

"Overall, the garland weighed more than 1,000 kilograms as flowers and leaves were also used. It took Rs. 2-and-a-half lakh to make the garland that included the cost of materials and labour. It is better to present garlands made of apples or other fruits than huge flowers garlands since apples can later be distributed to party workers or the public and the money spent on making it is not wasted," he said.

The order for the giant apple garland was placed by Hootagalli Deshigowda and MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar Abhimanigala Balaga. "As this garland was successfully made and delivered, I have got a few more orders. If JD(S) leader G.T. Devegowda wins from Chamundeshwari he is planning to garland party State President H.D. Kumaraswamy with a 1,000 kilogram apple garland. If CM Siddharamaiah wins Chamundeshwari, his supporters have placed an order to make a 200-kg almond garland," he said.

Thirty-six-year-old Dhanraj, son of Balakrishna and Jayamma couple, is known to make such unique garlands. Even with flowers, he can make the garland stand out. "I have been amidst flowers since my childhood and I have made my name as people search for my shop and take their tailor-made garlands. In Devaraja Market, there are many more experts who are deft in making such garlands. I became famous because of apple garlands becoming a hit in the election season," he said.

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A 500-kg garland made of almonds & flowers

A 500-kg garland made of dry fruits and flowers was put on Senior Congress leader N. Cheluvarayaswamy when he recently visited Induvalu near Mandya. Dhanraj had designed this garland too and it was lifted with the help of a hydraulic crane.

Around 250 kg of almonds and other varieties of dry fruit, and another 250 kg of roses made up the garland. It took more than a day for Dhanraj and team of 15 members to prepare the garland. People were, however, prevented from collecting the dry fruits from the garland.

The order for almond garland was placed by Congress leader Sachidananda and the total cost of the garland is three-and-a-half lakh.

Flower business blooms as poll season peaks

Cheluvaraju is seen making a bouquet of red roses at his stall on Valmiki Road.

By V. Shourabh

Florists in the city have their hands full at the moment, thanks to the Assembly election. There has been a step increase in sales at local flower markets because political parties are placing orders for garlands for rallies and to put on their leaders. Interestingly, a politician's stature is measured in terms of the weight of his garland.

A rough estimate from the florists showed that their sales had doubled. But florists say that though the election season has added to their income, most of their business is in the wedding season that comes soon after the poll season this year.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Suresh, a florist on Valmiki Road says, "I have been doing this business since about 25 years. First, we used to sell bouquets near Metropole Hotel for 5 years. However, after that we have set up our stall on Valmiki Road and we take orders for decoration and sell bouquets as per the customer's requirement. While we do get business from political parties, our business peaks after Apr. 16th as the marriage season begins."

'Ferns N Petals' on Kalidasa Road.

He expects more orders for flower garlands, bouquets and decorative flowers once the names of the candidates are declared and the campaign reaches its crescendo.

There are several stalls on Valmiki Road and almost everyone here sells decoration flowers like roses, gladiolus, blue daisy, gerbera, goldenrod, etc.

Another florist Cheluvaraju who has also set up his stall on Valmiki Road for about more than two decades says, "We have to wait to earn decently only after the Ashada season. During Ashada, there is no much events and our business takes a hit. After Ashada, the wedding season begins and we make good business. With the coming elections, our business will have a huge boom as irrespective of which party wins, the party members and the politicians sometimes come to us to get customised bouquets, which are huge in size compared to the regular ones."

The 'Ferns N Petals' store situated on Kalidasa Road is a favourite decorative flower and gifts shop among teenagers. The store offers floral arrangements both natural flowers as well as the artificial flowers for offices, weddings, rooms, cars etc.

Prasanjeet of the store said, "Our main attraction is dry flowers which are combined with gift items and bamboo plants are gifted as a sign of good omen." Business at this outlet blooms during wedding season, he added.

Suresh** (left) **and Hiranna with varieties of bouquets at their stalls on Valmiki Road.

Netas make beeline to garland
Dr. Ambedkar Statue at Town Hall

Mysuru, Apr.14 (PM&NN-N)-The District Administration celebrated the 127th birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Town Hall premises this morning by garlanding the marble statue of the leader and distributing sweets.

Deputy Commissioner K.B. Sivakumar, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadish, SP Amith Singh, ZP CEO P. Shivashankar, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and others participated in the celebrations.

Netas turn up

Even as the countdown for Assembly elections is just 28 days away, it was the turn of the leaders of various political parties to make a beeline to Town Hall, garland the statue and address the media.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLA M.K. Somashekar, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Siddaraju and a few other Congress leaders garlanded the statue and distributed sweets.

Addressing the media, Dr Mahadevappa said that even if he is denied a ticket, he would continue to serve the party as a loyal worker.

Later, Dr. Yathindra Siddarmaiah came with MLC Dharmasena, DCC President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City President R. Murthy and others and participated in the celebrations.

Dr. Yathindra, speaking to the media, confirmed that his father and Chief Minister Siddharmaiah would be contesting from two Constituencies. "I am also confident of getting ticket to contest from Varuna. I know the Constituency well and have been working in there since the last one-and-a-half years," he said.

Then it was the turn of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumarswamy accompanied by MLA G.T. Devegowda and others who garlanded the statue before hitting the three-day campaign trail in Chamundeshwari Constituency.

Reacting to the *India Today* survey regarding the 2018 elections where JD(S) is touted as the king-maker, he said, "The survey predicting more seats for Congress is going to turn topsy-turvy and our party is going to get the majority. There is so much of infighting in the Congress party among the ticket aspirants that their number will be way below 100."

He said that BSP leader Mayawati is likely to come for canvassing to the State on behalf of JD(S) on April 25 and 26.

BJP Varuna constituency ticket aspirant B.Y. Vijayendra accompanied by leader Kautilya R. Raghu after garlanding the statue said, "I am confident of getting the ticket to contest from Varuna. Even though it is the stronghold of CM Siddharamaiah, there is hardly any development seen in the Constituency. I am confident of winning as I have received a lot of respect from the people here."

JD(S) Chamaraja constituency nominee Prof. K.S. Rangappa, N.R. Constituency nominee Abdullah and others also garlanded the statue.

Another statue of Dr. Ambedkar inside the Town Hall premises was also decorated and a few of the leaders garlanded that statue also with the help of a crane.

Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated in other places including Manasagangothri where the statue in front of the Library building was garlanded.

Mammoth procession

Like every year a mammoth procession was taken out from Dr. Ambedkar Park in Ashokapuram after garlanding his statue. The processionists with a decorated vehicle carrying Dr. Ambedkar's portrait, various folk troupes and tableau passed through Ballal Circle, Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, K.R. Circle and reached the Town Hall where the new marble statue and the old statue of Dr. Ambedkar were garlanded.

Madegowda likely BJP candidate

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Apart from keeping the localities clean, the plant that is managed under the private-public participation generates good revenue. Madegowda was in Seva Dal for years. As he was instrumental in distributing houses to poor and the deserving, he is fondly known as ***'Mane Madegowda.'***

Sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that Madegowda is camping in Bengaluru since three days and has been meeting senior party leaders including BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, MP Shobha Karandlaje and S.M. Krishna.

Speaking to *SOM*, Madegowda, admitting that he was the probable candidate, said "I have got feelers and I have done enough and notable works in the society and I hope the BJP will recognise my contributions. The final call will, however, be taken by the party high command."

The Chamaraja Constituency is at present held by Congress and Vasu is the incumbent MLA. While the JD(S) has already announced that it will field former VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, the BJP has not yet announced its candidate. The JD(S) is hit by dissidence with former City JD(S) Chief K. Harish Gowda openly revolting against the party and he is now contesting as an independent candidate.

In the electoral history of Chamaraja Constituency, late H.S. Shankaralingegowda, who was with the BJP, had won four consecutive terms — 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2008. But Shankaralingegowda, who quit the BJP, contested on a JD(S) ticket in 2013 and lost the seat to Vasu. BJP candidate and former MUDA Chairman L. Nagendra gave a tough challenge in 2013 but came third behind Shankaralingegowda of JD(S).

This time too, L. Nagendra wants to contest in Chamaraja. Other ticket aspirants from the BJP include City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, Corporator Nandeesh Preetham (son of Shankaralingegowda) and BJP Raitha Morcha District President Prasanna N. Gowda.

River Cauvery Cleanliness Drive launched by Yuva Brigade

Madikeri, Apr.14 (US)- Yuva Brigade members, led by Convenor Chakravarthy Sulibele, launched a cleanliness drive of River Cauvery near Balamuri Bridge close to Moornadu on Wednesday. The theme of the campaign is '*Save Lifeline River Cauvery.*'

The campaign began after offering prayers at Talacauvery Temple and Sri Bhagandeshwara Temple in Bhagamandala.

Plastic waste and other trash, all adding up to about six tractor loads, were removed from the river. Residents too joined hands in the cleanliness campaign. Apparently the river looked clean but on getting in, the volunteers could fish out heaps of garbage. Ironically unmindful of the campaign, a few women were seen engrossed in washing clothes at the river.

Speaking on the occasion, Sulibele regretted that River Cauvery was bearing an onslaught of contamination. He warned of a dire situation if River Cauvery was not protected. He expressed confidence that the mission of Yuva Brigade would create awareness among people and stop further pollution of the river.

Cauvery River Samraksha-na Horata Samiti Convenor Chandramohan, Social Activist Monthi Ganesh, Clean Coorg President C. Sathya and others were present.

The cleanliness campaign was held at Nelyahudhikeri and Siddapura regions on Thursday.

Royal teacher for Sphatika Montessori Kids

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar is seen teaching alphabets for kids at Sphatika Vidhyalaya Montessori Academy in Gokulam on the occasion of cultural programme organised at the Academy recently as Mayor Bhagyavathi, Corporator SBM Manju and teachers Neethu and Shweta look on.

Cancer detection camp for rural folk

Shri Mahaveer Divya Jyothi Group, in association with Bharath Cancer Hospital, Mysuru, conducted a cancer detection camp at Nittre village near Begur recently. Group President Padma Vasant Jain, Secretary Sadhna Ramesh Jain and other members were present at the camp which was attended by about 350 rural folk.

Financial-aid provided

Narasimha (inset), who was collecting garbage from every house in DVC Layout, E&F Block of 1st, 2nd, 3rd Cross in Ramakrishnanagar, passed away recently. Recognising his sincere work, Kuvempunagar Nagarika Vedike, led by K.R. Rangaiah, M. Rangaswamy, Keerthi Party, Venugopala Raju, collected a sum of Rs.33,050 from the residents and handed over the same to Narasimha's wife Obamma.

PU teachers threaten boycott over early start of classes

Bengaluru, Apr.14- The idea of cutting down summer holidays for PU Colleges in the State by the Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) has not gone down well with the PU teachers, who have threatened to boycott classes, if the PU academic year begins from May 2.

The calendar of events published by the DPUE said that the classes for first year PU will begin on May 14 and for second year PU students on May 2.

The reason given was that the academic year for first year PU students had ended in February itself and hence it would help in better academic preparation. However, the Lecturers Association has objected to the new schedule.

According to them, they were working on the second PU exams till Mar.18 and they were involved in evaluation work. Besides, supplementary examination for PU first year students will be held from Apr.16 to 28. Evaluation will be completed and results announced by May 2, they said in a statement.

The Association also says that Dasara vacation in 2017 was also cut short and special classes were held during the break.

The lecturers said that it is their right to get a total of three months leave, combining Dasara holidays and summer vacation.

The statement said that the Government should either declare the PU Department as a Non-vocational Department or the schedule should be withdrawn. Otherwise, they threatened to boycott the classes beginning on May 2.

The DPUE said that it had forwarded the proposal to Finance Department as it had no objection to convert the PU Department to Non-vocational Department.

DPUE Director C. Shikha said that even with the new schedule, lecturers will be getting 45 days leave. "Since evaluation is part of the lecturers' duty, it is counted in the vacation and they are paid extra honorarium."

Principals, teachers to wear black band at SSLC valuation

Mysuru, Apr.14- Principals and Associate Teachers, working in the Residential Schools run by the Social Welfare Department, have decided to wear black band during the SSLC valuation work commencing from Apr.16.

Addressing a press meet here on Thursday at Pathrakartara Bhavan, State Residential Education Institutions Employees Association President Maheshchandra said that since the Government had failed to provide additional salary which they had promised to give from June 2016, they would wear black bands and commence the valuation work.

"Though the Principals and Associate Teachers are eligible for these additional benefits, the Government has been giving flimsy excuses and delaying giving the salary. Our protest will be peaceful and our only aim is to draw the attention of the Government," he said.

Association Office-bearers Yoganand, Hemanth Kumar, Balakrishna and Raviraj were present.

Cheyyandane Nariyandada School issue

Bangalore Kodava Samaja offers to take over school administration

The issue was discussed at a meeting of Federation of Kodava Samajas at Balugodu

Madikeri, Apr. 14 – The Federation of Kodava Samajas has unanimously decided to take over the administration of the English Medium High School at Nariyandada Village near Cheyyandane in Kodagu District. The decision was taken at the Federation's meeting held on Apr. 12 at its headquarters at Balugodu near Virajpet.

The school was established decades ago in a 15-acre land that was donated by patrons to further the cause of education. The school has celebrated its golden jubilee and the English Medium was started five years ago. The decision of the Federation of Kodava Samajas comes at a time when there is a move to hand over the school to a religious mutt by citing lack of strength.

At the Federation meeting, President Kallichanda Vishnu Cariappa said that some vested interests were supporting the move to hand over the school to the Mutt against the wishes of the land donors.

Vishnu Cariappa said that if the school management committee passes a resolution that the school should be handed over to the Kodava Samajas instead of the religious Mutt, the Federation of Kodava Samajas is ready to take over the responsibility of taking over the school administration.

Addressing the meeting, Cheyyandane Kodava Samaja President and the President of Nariyandada High School Development Committee Chenanda Suresh Nanaiah informed the meeting about the decision of a preliminary meeting that was earlier held where a decision was taken to hand over the school to a Mutt.

Responding to this, members unanimously announced that if the school management committee hands over the school property, all the Kodava Samajas led by the Federation were ready to take over the school administration and they would not allow the move to hand over the educational institution to the Mutt.

The Bangalore Kodava Samaja offered to take over the school administration. Later the meeting decided to take a final call regarding the issue after the election.

It was also decided to hold the Annual General Body Meeting of the Federation in the month of June. This apart, the new members for Kodava Pommakkada Koota were selected.

Honorary President of Federation of Kodava Samajas Mathanda Monnappa, Vice President Malachira Bose Chittiappa, President of Bengaluru Kodava Samaja Mandeyada Ravi Uthappa, Former President Mallengada Dada Belliappa, Secretary Shankari Poovaiah, Joint Secretary Kodanda Sannu Uthappa, Editor-in-Chief of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysooru Mithra* Kalyatanda B. Ganapathy and others were present.

Principal Secretary inspects Library construction

Principal Secretary to the Government, Primary and Secondary Education Department Dr. Shalini Rajaneesh is seen inspecting the construction of City Central Library at People's Park in city this morning. Deputy Director of Department of Libraries B. Manjunath, Deputy Director for Public Instructions (DDPI) Mamatha, Executive Engineer Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) Venu Gopal, Assistant Executive Engineer Prabhushankar, Assistant Engineer Thippareddy and City Central Library Librarian Poornima were present.

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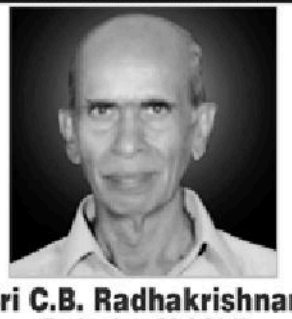

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Commonwealth Games - 2018

Boxers Mary Kom, Gaurav Solanki win gold

Shooter Sanjeev, athlete Neeraj, wrestler Punia join the golden team

Gold Coast, Apr.14- Mary Kom gave India a rollicking start in Day 10 of the 2018 Commonwealth Games (CWG) in Gold Coast, Australia, by winning gold in the women's 45-48kg boxing category.

India's legendary boxer, who was making her CWG debut, beat Northern Ireland's Kristina O'Hara in the final by an unanimous decision to add a CWG gold to her already illustrious medal cabinet. Mary Kom's medal cabinet already includes an Olympic bronze from London 2012 and five amateur world championship titles. Mother-of-three Mary Kom, the subject of a Bollywood film in 2014, was the deserved victor, outboxing her Northern Ireland opponent.

Gaurav Solanki wins gold medal in 52 kg category on his debut 4-1 at CWG as he beat Norther Ireland's Brendan Irvine in a phenomenal bout.

Amit Panghal goes down in the final men's 46-49 kg boxing against England's Galal Yafai in Gold Coast but secures silver for India after a closely contested bout. The five judges were split 3:1 in their decision, with one of them ruling it as a tie.

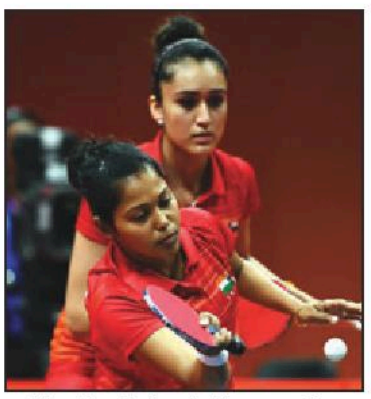
Manish Kaushik settles for silver in 60kg category after a closely contested final against home favourite Harry Garside, who won with a 3:2 split decision in his favour. This is India's seventh medal in boxing.

Mary Kom

Gaurav Solanki

Amit Panghal

Manish Kaushik



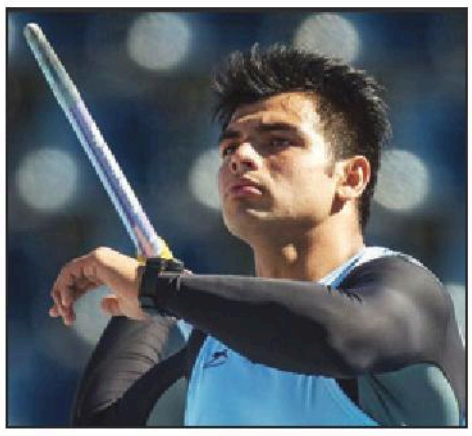
Manika Batra & Mouma Das

50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS

Sanjeev Rajput won the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event with a games record at the CWG on Saturday, swelling the Indian shooting team's tally in the mega event. The 37-year-old Rajput shot 454.5 to bag the top prize after topping the qualification stage with 1180 points at the Belmont Shooting Centre. Chain Singh, the other Indian shooter in the fray, finished fifth with 419.1.

In qualification, Rajput scored 391 in kneeling, 399 in prone and 390 in standing, while Chain Singh, who was placed second, shot 389 398 and 379 for a cumulative score of 1166 . In prone Rajput shot three 100s and a 99. Canada's Grzegorz Sych clinched the silver medal with 448.4, while Dean Bale of England bagged the bronze with 441.2.

Sanjeev Rajput



Neeraj Chopra

Bajrang Punia

ATHLETICS

Indian athlete Neeraj Chopra wins a gold medal in Javelin after throwing the seasonal best at 86.7 metres.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES TT

Indian paddlers **Manika Batra and Mouma Das** claimed the silver medal in women's doubles category at the 21st Commonwealth Games on Friday. The Indian duo was outplayed 0-3 (5-11, 4-11, 5-11) by Feng Tianwei and Yu Mengyu of Singapore in the gold medal clash. Unforced errors and some aggressive game from Singapore kept India on the back foot throughout the match. Right from the start, Indian paddlers never looked in the contention as Manika and Mouma failed to match the skill and tenacity of the their opponents. In all the three games, Mouma and Manika were outclassed in every department.

WRESTLING

Wrestler Bajrang Punia added another gold medal to the India tally at the CWG, when he overcame Kane Charig of Wales by Technical Superiority in the men's 65kg category on Friday. Bajrang was head and shoulder above his Welsh opponent and a 10-0 point margin, achieved in the second round, decided the gold for India with minimum fuss. This was India's 17th gold at CWG 2018.

RCB beat Kings XI Punjab

to notch up their first win of the season

Bengaluru, Apr.14- Star South African batsman AB de Villiers struck a half-century with a late flurry of sixes as Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) beat Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) by four wickets to notch up their first win in the IPL-11 yesterday.

De Villiers (57 off 40 balls) played anchor after the early departure of captain Virat Kohli (21) before he opened up his arms towards the end for some lusty blows as the RCB chased down the target of 156 with three balls to spare. This was after the RCB bowlers, led by pacer Umesh Yafav who took three wickets in an over, had shot out the KXIP for 155 after being sent into bat.

De Villiers hit two fours and four sixes in his knock. He was out in the 18th over but by then he has taken the match to the threshold of victory with RCB needing just 10 runs from 1.5 overs.

Mandeep Singh contributed 22 down the order while Washington Sundar (9 not out) hit the winning runs — four — as RCB reached 159 for 6 in 19.3 overs at the Chinnaswamy Stadium.

RCB had lost to Kolkata Knight Riders by four wickets in their first match on April 8.

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Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai **4 pm**

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Tomorrow's Matches

RCB Vs **RR**
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, **4 pm**

KXIP Vs **CSK**
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Yesterday's Result

RCB 159/6 (19.3 overs) beat **KXIP** 155 (19.2 overs)

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Opinion poll predicts a hung Assembly

India Today-Karvy Karnataka opinion poll predicts that JD(S) will be a king maker

New Delhi, Apr.14- The latest opinion poll in Karnataka shows that the Congress will emerge as the single largest party in the Assembly election slated for May 12. According to India Today Group-Karvy Insights opinion poll conducted across all 224 Assembly constituencies, no party is likely to get majority on its own. The opinion poll has predicted a hung Assembly.

The BJP is set to gain in terms of vote share but not enough to bring it back to power. The poll results show that 35 percent of the voters (based on 27,919 interviews) will vote for the BJP.

In 2013, the BJP had suffered a split due to exit of leaders like B.S. Yeddyurappa, who is now party's CM candidate, and B. Sriramulu. Back then the BJP had got 20 percent vote share in the Assembly election.

The Karnataka Janata Paksha (of Padmanabha Prasanna Kumar and Yeddyurappa) and Badavara Shramikara Raithara Congress Party (BSRCP) of Sriramulu had polled 10 and three percent votes respectively. The combined vote share of a united BJP in 2013 could have been 33 percent.

The Congress had secured 37 percent vote in 2013 to win 122 seats. The party is likely, the opinion poll suggests, to retain its vote share but it will win less number of seats. The Congress is projected to win 90-101 seats with the same vote percentage. The BJP, on the other hand, is expected to improve its number of seats from 50 (after merger of KJP and BSRCP) to 78-86.

The JD(S) seems to be emerging as a kingmaker in post-election Karnataka. Interestingly, JD(S), which has entered into an alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) of Mayawati, will poll fewer votes than what it did in 2013.

The JD(S)-BSP is likely to get 19 percent of votes. In 2013, the JD(S) had got 20 percent and the BSP one percent of the total votes polled. The party had won 40 seats in 2013 and is expected to win 34-43 seats this time. But it is looking to be in a position to decide who will become the CM after May 15.

Overall 45 percent respondents said that the Siddharamaiah government should get a chance to govern Karnataka for the next five years. It seems to be getting support from wide spectrum of castes and religious groups. About 44 percent of Hindus and 65 percent of Muslims said they wanted the Congress government to come back to power.

About 55 percent of Kurubas (the caste to which Chief Minister Siddharamaiah belongs) favoured the Congress government if the election was held today. It got support from 37 percent Vokkaligas, 37 percent Lingayats and 36 percent Brahmins (below average support).

Around 53 percent of Dalits and 48 percent of Edigas said that they would vote for the Congress in the Assembly election. In case of a coalition government, 39 percent of respondents said that they would like to see the JD (S) allying with the Congress to form the next government. Only 29 percent said that the JD (S) should form an alliance with the BJP to form government in Karnataka. The opinion poll was conducted between Mar. 17 and Apr. 5 this year.

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Where do voters stand on issues of separate Flag and Tipu Jayanti?

Responding to a question on the Karnataka government's decision to make Kannada language mandatory for all schools, 73 percent of the respondents said that they supported the move. Only 16 percent opposed while 10 percent had no opinion.

On the question of Karnataka having its own Flag, six of ten voters supported the Siddharamaiah government. About 59 percent voters said that they were with the government on the issue while 29 percent opposed the move. Rest 12 percent remained non-committal.

On the question of celebrating Tipu Sultan's birth anniversary, 32 percent supported the Congress government's move while 44 percent opposed the decision. However, 58 percent Muslim voters favoured celebrating Tipu Sultan's birth anniversary.

On another controversial matter of the decision of the State government to recommend to the Centre to recognise Lingayat community as a separate religious denomination, 52 percent voters said that it would be a major election issue.

SURVEY STATISTICS

Congress	90 to 101 seats
BJP	78 to 86 seats
JD(S)	34 to 43 seats
Others	4 to 7 seats
Total number of people surveyed	27,919
Number of constituencies covered	224
Opinion poll date	Between Mar. 17 & Apr. 5

Today is last date to enrol in voters list

Mysuru, Apr.14 (RK&BCT)- Eligible voters, whose names were not in the voters' list, should enrol their names in the voters' lists by April 14 (today).

They can apply online till today evening and eligible voters should take advantage of this enrolment drive, said Deputy Commissioner K.B. Sivakumar who is also the Chief Electoral Officer.

People can check their names in the voters list and apply online after downloading the relevant application forms and documents like ID proof, age proof, address proof and the place of residence. Filled in applications can be submitted along with the documents to Tahsildar Office at Nazarbad, MCC office on Sayyaji Rao Road.

Rural voters can submit the filled in forms and at their respective Tahsildar offices till 5 pm. Applications will be accepted at the above said offices.

Yaduveer to launch 'Ride for Rotary' this evening

Mysuru, Apr.14 (US)- Four Rotary Districts of the country together have organised a fund collection drive titled 'Ride for Rotary.'

The ride will be launched today at 6 pm by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar near Mysore Race Club (MRC) followed by a **music programme by Vijaya Raghavendra and Rajesh Krishnan.**

Disclosing this at a press meet here yesterday, 'Ride for Rotary' Convenor Y.S. Raghavendra said that the ride from Mysuru will touch Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Sirsi, Yana, Goa, Kundapur, Mangaluru and Madikeri before reaching Bengaluru on Apr.23.

Three killed in a freak accident at Ch'nagar

Chamarajanagar, Apr.14 (SS&DM)- A trip to Tamil Nadu proved deadly for a family from a village in Indi taluk of Vijayapura district as three persons, including two children, were killed when a lorry toppled on their parked car in the outskirts of Chamarajanagar town this morning.

The deceased have been identified as Siddarama (40), who was at the wheels, Sanketh Kumar (4) and Lakshmikanth (13), all hailing from Kullaragi village in Indi taluk of Vijayapura district.

A group of 15 villagers from Kullaragi had gone on a trip to Tamil Nadu in two cars a couple of days ago. They were returning to their native village, via Chamarajanagar and Mysuru, when one of the two cars with eight occupants, stopped at Somwarpet adjoining the town on Chamarajanagar-Sathyamangala Road (NH 209) at about 11 am to have tender coconut being sold on the roadside.

Even as one of the occupant got down to answer nature's call and the other was engaged in buying tender coconuts, a speeding maize loaded lorry proceeding towards Sathyamangala went out of control of its driver and toppled on the car. Due to the impact, Siddarama and two children Sanketh Kumar and Lakshmikanth died on the spot, while three others who were in the car escaped with minor injuries.

The injured were treated at Chamarajanagar District Hospital.

The other car was said to be a little distance behind, when the tragic accident took place. The lorry driver and cleaner too are said to have escaped with minor injuries in the mishap.

Due to the accident, traffic on the ever busy Highway was disrupted for sometime. The Police had a tough time in shifting the fallen lorry and maize sacks and the badly mangled card.

Chamarajanagar Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating.

Bike rider killed

in motorcycle-tanker collision

Mysuru, Apr.14 (SBD&DM)- A bike rider was killed when the motorcycle he was riding was knocked down by a milk tanker near Saraswathipuram Fire Station yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as S.K. Ramanandaswamy (55), a resident of Subashnagar in city.

Ramanandaswamy was travelling on his motorcycle (KA-09 E-7590) from Ekalavya Circle towards Saraswathipuram Fire Station, when a speeding milk tanker (KA-09 8740) coming from behind knocked down the motorcycle.

Ramanandaswamy, who fell down, was run over by the tanker. He breathed his last even before he was shifted to the hospital. K.R. Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

Chinnara Mela begins in a novel way

Theatre and film actor Suchendra Prasad inaugurating the 20th annual Chinnara Mela by beating the drums at the Rangayana premises in city yesterday as artiste Mime Ramesh, Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Chinnara Mela Director Krishna Prasad and the participants look on.

Mysuru, Apr.14 (YDS&NNN)- Festive atmosphere prevailed in the air at Rangayana premises yesterday even as the Sun was setting and the joy lit large on children's faces.

The occasion was the opening of the 28-day, 20th annual 'Chinnara Mela-2018' and the hundreds of children participating along with their parents, danced with the H.D. Kote Girijan tribal artistes and clapped to their hearts content.

The theme of this year's Chinnara Mela is 'Nishabda Kooginedege' (Towards call of silence) and the attraction was actor Mime Ramesh with his unique attire.

Theatre and film actor and Director K. Suchendra Prasad, speaking after inaugurating the Mela by beating the drums (tamate), said that the theatre was a very good influence on the young minds. "In today's technological age, knowledge is at one's finger tips and sitting in one place every information can be accessed. However, the understanding of real world is equally important and theatre or stage is the place to gain that knowledge," he said.

In life, understanding of human emotions is of utmost importance and when children savour this, their knowledge of the outer world increases. Since the artistes in Rangayana are trained by their Gurus, they will teach the children from the practical experience they have gained, he said.

The process of speaking silently happens in theatre very smoothly. Everyone dreams and sometimes those dreams sprout here and most importantly, theatre treats everyone equally, felt Suchendra Prasad.

Rangayana Director Bhagirathi Bai Kadam said it is a new experience for many children who have finished the exams and participating in Chinnara Mela.

"Rangayana has decided that Chinnara Mela must not be just urban centric but even the rural children must experience it and hence it has been organised there too," she said.

Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Chinnara Mela Director Krishna Prasad and others were present.

Jayciana Cultural Fest

Cyclists pedal to create breast cancer awareness

Actor-singer Vasishta Simha inaugurating Jayciana cultural fest yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.14 (NNN)- Nearly 956 cyclists participated in the cyclothon organised by JSS Science and Technology University (formerly known as SJCE) as part of the three-day Jayciana annual cultural fest to create breast cancer awareness.

The event was flagged off at 6.30 am at the college premises and the men cycled for about 20 kms passing through Hunsur Road touching St.Joseph's institutions and taking a left on Temple Road then taking a right near Vontikoppal Police Station to enter KRS Road and from there taking a right near Dasappa Circle to enter JLB Road. Then they wound their way right up to Chamundipuram Circle and then via Silk Factor on Manandavadi Road, passed through Mysore Courts, pedalled through Kukkarahalli Lake Road touching Bogadi Road and returned to the SJCE campus.

The girls cycled a distance of 5 kms. Madhu cycled his way to bag the title followed by Kiran with Kamal Raj placed third.

In the girls category it was Nayana who came first and Priyanka second.

Inauguration: The culture fest was inaugurated by actor-singer Vasishta Simha yesterday at the SJCE campus who also performed. His performance was followed by playback singer Prakriti Kakar.

This evening, Indian DJ-Production called 'Lost Stories' will be performing.

Tomorrow a marathon will be held at 6 am to support women empowerment.

Playback singer Prakriti Kakar is seen performing at SJCE. Picture right shows a section of students.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
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	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Gultoo	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	2 Shows
Dalapathi	Saraswathi	2541451	2 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Seizer	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Maduve Dibbana	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Johnny Johnny Yes Papa	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
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Baaghi - 2	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
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		7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Rangasthalam (Te)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Seizer (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm
Krishnarjuna Yudham (Te)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 6.45 pm, 9.50
Gultoo (K)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Mercury (Silent) (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Baaghi -2 (H)	(S-3)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Dalapathi (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 4.30 pm
October (H)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Hichki (H)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

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Seizer (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
	(S-4)	1.25 pm
October (H)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 12.25 pm
		5.05 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Rampage (E)	(S-2)	2.50 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 am, 11.55 am, 9.50 pm
Baaghi -2 (H)	(S-1)	12.45 pm
Rangasthalam (Te)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
Krishnarjuna Yudham (Te)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am
Gultoo (K)	(S-3)	2.10 pm
Mercury (Silent) (K)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
Dalapathi (K)	(S-1)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Sudani from Nigeria (Ma)	(S-4)	9.35 pm

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TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Woh Apna Sa	7:00 pm TuSooraj Mein Saanjh...	7:00 pm Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
7:30 Kaleerein	7:30 Pm Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Mere Sai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	8:00 Pm Har Shaakh Pe Ullu Baithaa Hai	8:10 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:30 Piyaa Albela	8:30 Pm Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala	8:40 Porus
9:00 Kundali Bhagya & Kumkum Bhagya Mahasangam	9:00 Pm Naamkarann	9:30 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
10:00 Ishq Subhan Allah	9:30 Pm Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
6:00 pm How It's Made	5:30 pm Game Plan 2018 IPL	6:00 pm Primal Survivor
6:30 Fail Army	6:00 Vivo IPL Hls	7:00 Airport Security: Colombia
7:00 River Monsters	6:30 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	8:00 Combat Zone
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	7:00 Kent Cricket IPL 2018	9:00 Prime @ 9
9:00 Man At Arms: Art Of War	7:50 Vivo Ipl 2018 Live	9:30 S.O.S - Smartest Show On Tv
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	11:15 Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Post Show	10:00 Battle Of The Beasts
11:00 Naked And Afraid	11:35 Vivo Ipl 2018 Hls	11:00 Unpublished
6:30 Pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	7:00 pm Gouri	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:02 Roll No. 21 Special	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandhini	9:00 Jeeva Nadi
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	9:30 Premam	9:30 Manasa Sarovara
	10:00 Maha Ganapathi	10:00 Kanmani

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:16 pm **Pirates Of The Caribbean**	5:02 pm **Monsters Vs Aliens**	4:33 pm **Golden Compass**
8:59 **The Chronicles Of Narnia**	6:48 **Kong: Skull Island**	6:31 **Transformers**
11:22 **Finding Dory**	9:00 **Shoot 'Em Up**	9:01 **Attraction**
	10:35 **Inception**	11:00 **Rings**
4:57 pm **Sivaji: The Boss**	3:47 pm **Revolver Raja**	4:45 pm **Asterix And The Vikings**
7:55 **Khatarnak Khiladi 4**	6:16 **Last Bus**	8:40 **Fillum Baazi**
10:22 **Jil**	8:53 **Himmatwar**	9:10 **Ghatak The Destroyer**
	11:53 **Vaalu**	
3:51 pm **Anacondas**	4:00 pm **Bhale Huduga**	5:06 pm **Ragada**
5:54 **Battleship**	7:00 **Veera Kannadiga**	7:45 **Singham**
8:46 **Terminator 3**	10:00 **Curfew**	10:50 **The Real Jackpot**
10:59 **First Blood**		

EVENTS TODAY (APR.14)

Prof. N. Girigowda Fans Association: Conferring of 'Maryada Sahadharmini' Award on City Social Worker Shantha Girigowda by Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar, Vijayanagar Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji inaugurates the programme, Veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides, M. Venkatakrishnaiah Hall, Sarada Vilas Law College, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story telling for kids by Dr. K.N. Lavanya Prabha, Poetess, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 to 5.30 pm.**

Nisarga Trust: Raitha Santhe, Interaction with farmers, near Happy Man Park, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Divine Life of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Inauguration: Unvieling of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road's name plate by former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, KEA Chairman Siddaraju presides, near State Bank of India, J.P. Nagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust: Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, Music programme - Solo Violin Recital by Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Bhagini Seva Samaja: Sangeeta Habba on the occasion of Ramanavami, vocal recital by Sangeetha Shivakumar from Chennai, Vithala Rangan on violin, Anoor Ananta Krishna Sharma on mridanga, S. Manjunath on ghata and Sunad Anoor on khanjira, Bhagini Seva Samaja School, Ballal Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**

Bosch Power Tools: Measuring Tools Event, Akshaya Mahal Inn, Abba Road, next to Hotel J.P. Palace, **6.30 pm.**

Arivu Educational and Cultural Trust, Kannadi Creation, Kannada Development Authority: Releasing of folk documentary film *Goravara Mylara*, directed by Dr. Sundara Kenaje, Dr. Purushotham Bilimale, President, Kannada Study Centre, JNU, New Delhi, Dr. Krishnamurthy Hanur, Senior Littérateur, V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Jt. Director, Rangayana, chief guests, Trust premises, Lingambudhi Palya, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.15)

Tiger Adventure Foundation, The Mountain Goat: Flag off Cyclothan, an awareness rally on voting rights, Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao, City Police Commissioner, will flag off the rally, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **8 am.**

Chande Mela Kala Sangha: Religious Education camp — Sandhyavandane, Vishnu Sahasranama, bhajans, Udupi Sri Krishna Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road, **9 am to 4 pm.**

Chaitra Foundation: Fifth Anniversary, M.R. Ananthakumar, Managing Trustee, Divya Deepa Charitable Trust, Mysuru, S. Balasubramaya (Snake Shyam), Corporator, chief guests, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Nisarga Trust: 'Raitha Santhe,' near Happy Man Park, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Artists Mahantaiah Kulkarni, D.M. Veeresh and Department of Kannada & Culture: 'Save Globe' — solo painting expo by artist Mahantaiah Kulkarni and 'Nature-Man' — solo painting expo by artist D.M. Veeresh, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, No. CA15, Vijayanagar II Stage, **10.30 am to 6 pm.**

Hoysala Karnataka Sangha: International Women's Day celebrations, Sangeetha Nritya Academy former Chairperson H.R. Leelavathi chief guest, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha President M.L. Krishnaswami presides, felicitation to Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, Deepika Pandurangi and Shobha Sridhar, Sri Chandrashekharendra Saraswathi Bhavan, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha premises, Narayan Shastry Road, **11 am.**

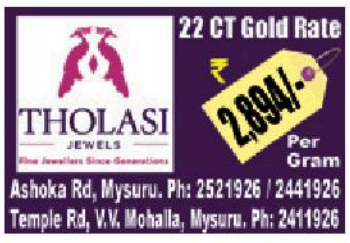
Suvarna Publications: Releasing of *Karunada Kotegala Suvarna Nota* (A compilation of photographs captured by Vishwanath Suvarna) by Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Prof. Aravind Malagathi, Chairman, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Bengaluru, Dr. S. Shivarajappa, Director, Oriental Research Institute, University of Mysore, Sudharkar S. Shetty, Senior Vice-President of FKCCI chief guests, Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **4 pm.**

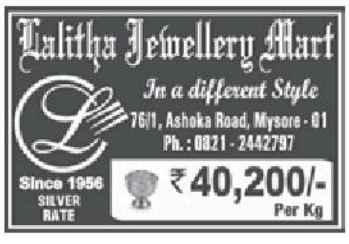
Spoorthi, Ladies Wing of Builder's Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre: Installation ceremony, M.N. Sumana, Practicing Advocate, chief guest, K. Subramanya Rao, Chairman, BAI, Mysuru Centre, guest of honour, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, near Bharath Cancer Hospital, Hebbal, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishan Ashrama: Discourse on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Mahendranatha Gupta' by Swami Shantivratanandaji, Asharama premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust: Ramotsava, Music programme, Hanumanthotsava, vocal recital by Vid. Raveesh and Troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Bhagini Seva Samaja: Sangeeta Habba on the occasion of Ramanavami, violin duet by Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. M. Manjunath, accompanied by Srimushnam Araja Rao on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Bhagini Seva Samaja School, Ballal Circle, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**





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